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In re Application of: William D Huse *et al.*

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**Entitled: Methods of Optimizing Antibody Variable Region Binding Affinity**

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir or Madam:

In response to the (non-final) Office Action mailed March 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendments to the above-referenced patent application be entered on the record and considered by the Examiner. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time is enclosed. The Examiner is asked to take note of the 131 Declaration (swearing behind the '693 patent) submitted herewith.

A status of all claims with instructions for entry pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. §1.121 is included beginning on page two of this communication.